

# St. Davids Bulletin

APRIL, 2017



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Principal - Mrs. Tracy Leemet**

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **School Cash Online.** Register at [stdavids.dsbns.org](http://stdavids.dsbns.org)
- Just a reminder that we have students who are allergic to nuts. Please check packaging carefully when sending food with your child. Thank you!
- Please call the school when your child is going to be absent 905 262-4533

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 3 Autism Awareness Day
- 4 SK and Gr. 8 Grad photos
- 4 Technovation Challenge  
Code Girl AM
- 4 Family photos available
- 4 Chess Tournament
- 5 Symphony Presentation
- 6 Mad Science
- 6 Mr. Sub Day
- 7 Pizza Day
- 11 Env. Sc. Pres. Gr. 1/2, 3
- 12 Cookie Delivered
- 12 Math Olympics
- 13 Pizza Day
- 13 Mad Science
- 14 PD Day No School
- 17 Easter Mon—No School
- 18 Earth Week @ St. Davids
- 19 Heritage Fair Day
- 20 Mad Science  
JK/SK—Greenhouse Tour
- 21 Pizza Day
- 21 Hat Day Bring in \$2.00
- 25 DSBNS Heritage Fair @ Fort George
- 26 Int. Badminton Tourn
- 27 Mr. Sub Day
- 27 Mad Science Last Day
- 28 Pizza Day
- 28 Assembly 1:45 PM

## Top Tips for Parents to Help Their Children with Math

**Build strong, positive attitudes about math.** When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.

**Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding.** Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.

**If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it.** Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best.



Dr. Stan Kutcher is the Sun-Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health and the Director World Health Organization Collaborating Care in Mental Health Policy and Training at Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre in Canada. He is a renowned expert in adolescent mental health and leader in mental health research, advocacy, training, and policy and has been involved in mental health work in over 20 countries. Dr. Kutcher will share his research, promote child and youth well-being and teach all of us about building resilience in our children and youth during a parent evening.

**Monday, May 1, 2017  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**A.N. Myer S. S.—Gymnasium  
Free Admission**



### Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick. Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the wash-room
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health).

# PROM PROJECT NIAGARA

## Prom Project Niagara 2017 Free Formal Wear Opportunity

Prom Project Niagara is a one day fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys!

Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

This year, we are offering Prom Project Niagara at:

- St. Catharine's Collegiate **\*NEW MAIN LOCATION\***
- Beamsville Secondary School
- Fort Erie Secondary School

If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at one of our locations.

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

For more information on Prom Project Niagara please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37712, email [efn@dsbn.org](mailto:efn@dsbn.org) or visit [www.efnniagara.ca](http://www.efnniagara.ca)

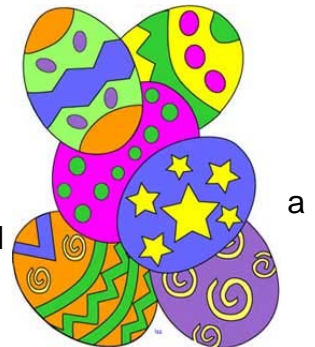
\*Note: for Welland and Niagara Falls schools: bus transportation is available to the St. Catharines site! Contact the Foundation to book your spot on the bus!

### Pita Pit and Mr. Sub Days

The Grade 7 and 8 students are very excited to continue to organize Pita Pit and Mr. Sub days for St David's School. All money raised will go towards their very exciting Quebec City trip this June. Pita Pit and Mr. Sub days will be held on Thursdays with the money due on School Cash Online by Sunday night of that week. Please keep your eyes open for these items on School Cash. The Grade 7 and 8's thank you for your support!

### Easter Egg-Grams

The Grade 7 and 8 students will be selling Easter Egg-Grams from Tuesday, April 4th - Tuesday, April 11th. Each egg will contain peanut free chocolate and special treat (sticker or eraser). The cost will be \$1 and the funds raised will go directly towards their Quebec City Trip. Send a special Easter treat to **SOME-BUNNY** special!



## **SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS**

We strive to maintain our school as a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Access to our school will only be through the front door, and visitors will be buzzed in. To ensure student safety, all visitors must:

- ◆ only access the school through the front door
- ◆ Check in at the office before going to a classroom
- ◆ Sign in using the "Visitor Sign In" book located in the main office
- ◆ Wear a visitor's sticker during your stay with us
- ◆ Use washrooms designated for adults, as student washrooms are for children only
- ◆ If you are dropping off an item for your child or picking him/her up for an appointment, you may simply check in at the office as per usual and allow one of our staff members to take care of your request.

Thank you for your support in this matter of student safety.



## **How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?**

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Rash
- ◆ Frequent coughing or sneezing
- ◆ Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- ◆ Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed. For more information, please contact the Infectious Disease Program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)

**Niagara Region**



A HUGE thank you is being sent out for helping with the donations of your roll up the rim winners. All winners were donated to a shelter in St Catharines.

We were able to collect just under 100 winners! Thank you again for sacrificing all those free morning coffees.



### **EARTH DAY CHALLENGE**

On Friday, April 21st Mrs. Black will be accompanying a group of Gr 4-8 students to an Earth Day Challenge at Walker Living Campus. We are looking forward to an exciting day exploring in nature and learning more about reducing our environmental footprint.

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## Niagara Symphony Orchestra Visit

**School's  
website is:  
stdavids.dsbns.org**

**School and  
Classroom  
Newsletters will  
be posted every  
month on the  
website. Please  
be sure to  
check it  
regularly!!**

## **HEALTH NURSE**

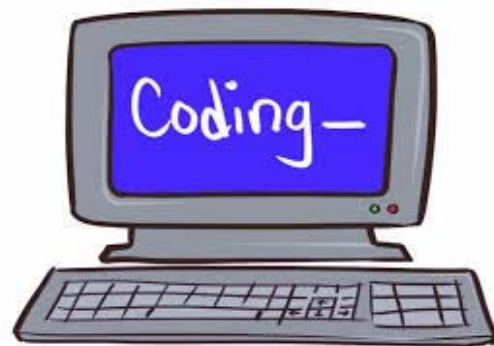
St. David's health nurse will be visiting and promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. If you have any questions about the services she offers, please contact the school.

On Wednesday, April 5th, St. Davids School will welcome **The Niagara Symphony Orchestra Story String Quartet** to our gymnasium, for 2 interactive performances for our Grades 1 - 3, and Grades 4 - 6 students. As part of this program, four principal members of the NSO will bring classical music directly to our school gym. There will be an introduction of the string instruments, then the quartet and the students will embark on a creative journey, combining classical music and imagination. Students are busy in music classes preparing for this presentation. We are so excited for students to have a chance to be part of a live classical music performance!



### Technovation presents... Code Girl Code!!!

Mr Bateson along with Ellie, Grace, Maddie, Hannah, Dawn and Zoe have been working to research, design and build a mobile app prototype called the "Compassion Compass" that will help students interested in befriending peers with special needs to understand, empathize and relate. This app will eventually be judged against teams from around the world. What an awesome experience for our team of gr 7 and 8 girls. A big thank you to Mr Bateson for organizing this event for our students. We want to wish them the best of luck as move forward with this exciting challenge.



**APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.**  
**World Autism Day is April 2, 2017. St. Davids will be recognizing this day on April 3, 2017. Wear blue to support awareness. For more info visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/world-autism-awareness-day>**

## Student of the Month Winners for March



CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CHARACTER AWARD
Mrs Black KDG Ms. Pietrobon	Isabella Abby	Aria Malakai
Mrs. Parravicino KDG Ms. Bodnar	Nate Kiera Hanlin	Maddox
Mrs. King/Mrs. King Grade 1	Noah	Jude
Mrs. Kotsanis Grade 1/2	Addison Hareem	Dylan
Mr. Climenhage/ Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 2	Maddox Lincoln	Joshua
Mrs. Sawicki Grade 3	Tya Brienne	Julian
Mrs. Furtney Grade 3/4	Shanzay Lana	Maddy
Mr. Bateson/ Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 4	Jason Jaeda	Maya
Mr. McNamara Grade 5	Brett Bryanne Nathan Ayla	Sawyer
Mr. Hall Grade 6	Marlena Melia K. Mallory	Riva
Ms. Candler Grade 7/8	Nick John	Ethan
Mrs. Funk Grade 7/8	Kaden Oliver Tai	Tasia

## Parent Council Corner



School Advisory Council has been very busy this year and has supported the school in numerous ways. Through bake sales, raffle baskets, pizza days and the danceathon, the School Council has been able to help purchase a number of items for the school. To date the Council has purchased new sports equipment, a document camera, 15 Glockenspiels, a set of Red Maple and Silver Birch books, a laminator and given each class \$100 for incidentals. The students and staff have fully appreciated all of the support and items the School council has purchased for us this year.

School council also organizes the purchasing of grad hoodies for the gr 8s, spirit wear throughout the school and milk. Coming up in the fall, the council is organizing the first Fall Fair (see insert next page). This is sure to be a fun community event so save the date!!

## Importance of Attendance

The primary rationale for high-quality attendance data is the relationship between student attendance and student achievement. Teacher effectiveness is the strongest school-related determinant of student success, but chronic student absence reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. A recent study looking at young children found that absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge.

It is very important that parents reinforce the importance of good attendance and being on time. These are life skills that will improve their child's academic achievement and develop behavioural patterns of responsibility and discipline. It will also pay dividends in student achievement and preparation for life after high school.



## Exciting News!

St. David's School Parent Council is hosting a Fall Fair and Market and we want YOU.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm at St. David's Public School

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### Calling all interested Vendors and Volunteers

Vendors will provide their own 6' x 3' table to display their products for a fee of \$50.00 which will go directly to improving our community school. Any proceeds made the day of the event are yours to keep. Vendors are responsible for their own space and product.

For further information and/or a vendor application form please email [stdavidsfallfair@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsfallfair@gmail.com) or call [\(905\) 262-4533](tel:9052624533)

\*Like or Share our Facebook page: St.David's Fall Fair

### Some examples of the types of vendors we are looking for are as follows:

Clothing/Textiles --Preserves--Jewellery--Artist--Carver/Sculptor

Photography--Homecraft--Wood--Leather--Glass--Pottery--Other

### Parent or Senior Student Volunteers needed:

Bake Table--Popcorn Sales--Face Painting--Silent Auction

Children's used book sale--Food/Drink Table

**Please note we will be in need of used children's books for Sept so please save a bag or two of books to donate when you do your spring cleaning. Bring used books to the office.**

Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER

*all that's missing is U!*